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1. FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL DETAILS FROM TEXT NOW AVAILABLE
ON BREZHNEV SPEECH NOV 29 TO INDIAN PARLIAMENT REPORTED REFTEL.

2. DENOUNCING CONSEQUENCES OF "COLD WAR" WHICH LED TO FANTASTIC
GROWTH OF MEANS OF MASS ANNIHILATION AND DANGER OF NUCLEAR
WAR, BREZHNEV SAID SOVIETS REFUSED TO FOLLOW THIS ROUTE. END
TO "COLD WAR" REQUIRED THAT ITS INITIATORS BE SHOWN THERE
NO HOPE OF TOPPLING SOCIALISM AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT
BY USE OR THREAT OF FORCE. THIS HAS BEEN DONE BY TRANSFORMING
SOCIALISM AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT INTO INVINCIBLE
FORCE.

3. MORE FAR SIGHTED WESTERN LEADERS SAW THIS AND THE USSR AND
INDIA EACH CONTRIBUTED TO THIS ACHIEVEMENT IN ITS OWN WAY.
THE EUROPEANS NOW AGREED THAT WAR HAD TO BE ABSOLUTELY EXCLUDED
AS A MEANS OF SOLVING EUROPEAN PROBLEMS, AND THIS VIEW UNDERLAY
THE TREATIES AND OTHER AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED IN RECENT YEARS

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BETWEEN SOCIALIST STATES AND

FRANCE, FRG AND OTHER WEST EUROPEAN STATES. THE PROCESS WAS CONTINUING IN THE CSCE AND WAS NOT EASY CONSIDERING THE DISPARITY IN SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND DIFFERING VIEWS OF THE VARIOUS PARTIES OF THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS. REFERRING TO MBFR BREZHNEV SAID THE GOAL SHOULD BE A REDUCTION FROM WHICH NEITHER SIDE GAINED UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE.

4. TURNING TO US-SOVIET RELATIONS, BREZHNEV SAID THE ESSENCE OF THE CHANGE IN RELATIONS WAS THAT THE TWO STRONGEST POWERS MUTUALLY RECOGNIZED AND PUT INTO THE FORM OF STATE LAW THE PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AS A BASIS FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN EACH OTHER. HE SAID THERE WAS NO NEED TO ARGUE THAT SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING BENEFITTED ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD INTERESTED IN PREVENTING A NEW WORLD WAR. THE SOVIET UNION

APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE US IN THIS INSTANCE DISPLAYED POLITICAL REALISM, FORESIGHT, AND AWARENESS OF THE DEMANDS OF THE TIMES. THE SOVIET UNION WAS FULLY DETERMINED TO GO FURTHER ALONG THE CHARTED PATH OF DETENTE AND PEACEFUL COOPERATION, PROCEEDING FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE WOULD DO LIKEWISE.

5. BREZHNEV REFERRED TO THE VICTORY OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AGAINST IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION AND SAID THIS RESTED ON THE SUPPORT OF THE USSR AND ALL PEACE-LOVING FORCES INCLUDING INDIA. THIS VICTORY WAS A NECESSARY PREREQUISITE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE ASIAN CONTINENT. HE NOTED THE EMERGENCE OF BANGLADESH AND THE PROPOSALS OF THE DPRK FOR THE PEACEFUL DEMOCRATIC UNIFICATION OF KOREA AS USEFUL CONTRIBUTIONS AS WELL. BREZHNEV OBSERVED THAT NO SMALL NUMBER OF INTERESTING INITIATIVES WERE EMERGING IN ASIA, INCLUDING THE PROPOSAL FOR NEUTRALIZATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE SEARCH FOR A FORMULA FOR GOOD RELATIONS AMONG THE STATES OF SOUTH ASIA, THE PROPOSAL TO TURN THE INDIAN OCEAN INTO A ZONE OF PEACE, AND PLANS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION, BUT DID NOT ENDORSE OR EXPRESS DIRECT SOVIET SUPPORT FOR ANY OF THESE.

6. HE OBSERVED THAT THERE WAS ALSO GROWING INTEREST IN THE IDEA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF SAFEGUARDING SECURITY IN ASIA THROUGH COLLECTIVE MEANS. THIS PROCESS HAD STARTED IN THE 1950S WITH THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BUT HAD THEN BEEN FROZEN. IT WAS NOW TIME TO RESUME MOVEMENT, AND HOLD THOROUGH, COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSIONS OF THE IDEA OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN ASIA WHICH WOULD HELP TRACE A COMMON APPROACH ACCEPTABLE TO ALL STATES CONCERNED. HE CALLED FOR ACTIVE, BROAD AND CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS TO BRING ABOUT

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE URGENT TASKS INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS. THIS GOAL INVOLVED A STRUGGLE SINCE THERE WERE STILL NUMEROUS AND INFLUENTIAL OPPONENTS OF DETENTE AND PEACE, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD AND ALSO THE FORCES OF EXTREME REACTION, RACIALISM, OVERT OR COVERT COLONIALISM, AND VARIOUS FORMS OF MODERN FASCISM.

7. TURNING THEN TO THE MIDDLE EAST, BREZHNEV SAID THE RECENT WAR SHOWED THE INADMISSIBILITY OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND WARNED THAT UNLESS ALL THE CONSEQUENCES OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION ARE ELIMINATED A NEW AND EVEN MORE DANGEROUS MILITARY EXPLOSION MAY OCCUR IN THE MIDDLE EAST AT ANY MOMENT. BREZHNEV STRESSED THAT IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR US-SOVIET DETENTE, THE RECENT SITUATION WOULD HAVE BEEN QUITE DIFFERENT AND THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO POSSIBILITY OF A US-SOVIET JOINT INITIATIVE FOR A CEASE FIRE.

8. AT PRESENT, THE MAIN TASK FOR A STABLE PEACE SETTLEMENT REQUIRED THAT "THE LANDS SEIZED BY ISRAEL BE RETURNED TO THEIR LEGITIMATE OWNERS, THAT JUSTICE WITH REGARD TO THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE BE ENSURED AND THAT A FOUNDATION BE LAID ON THIS BASIS FOR DURABLE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND GOOD-NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ARAB STATES AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL. OTHERWISE THERE WILL BE NEITHER PEACE, NOR TRANQUILITY IN THE AREA". THE SOVIET UNION HAS NO SELFISH INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHATSOEVER AND WILL DO EVERYTHING TO ACTIVELY FACILITATE A GENUINELY STABLE AND JUST PEACE IN THE AREA.

9. FINALLY, BREZHNEV CONCLUDED WITH THE WARM WORDS FOR MRS. GANDHI AND INDIA DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. HE OBSERVED THAT IT WAS NO SECRET THAT INDIA'S NEW ROLE AND THE ENHANCEMENT OF HER PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE WERE NOT TO EVERYONE'S LIKING AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT SOME TRIED TO IMPEDE IT, BUT THE SOVIET WELCOMED IT.

10. OF POSSIBLE SPECIFIC INTEREST TO DEPT FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BREZHNEV LANGUAGE ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS:
"LIKE ALL SIGNIFICANT TURNING POINTS IN HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT, THIS TURN IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE USA IS NOT BEING MADE SIMPLY, IT IS BEING MADE UNDER CONDITIONS OF A STRUGGLE BETWEEN VARIOUS FORCES, AND WITH CERTAIN ZIGZAGGING AND HITCHES. WE CLEARLY SEE THAT CERTAIN QUARTERS IN THE POLITICO-MILITARY BLOC OF WESTERN POWERS, AND IN THE UNITED STATES ITSELF, REGARD AS UNDESIRABLE FOR THEMSELVES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS OF LASTING PEACE AND MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND THE UNITED STATES, AND THEY ARE TRYING TO OPPOSE IT IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY. IT IS ALSO KNOWN HOW ACTIVE SUCH

CIRCLES ARE IN THE UNITED STATES THOUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, WE ARE DEEPLY CONVINCED, HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

HOWEVER, WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AS A RESULT OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT TALKS IN 1972 AND 1973 IN TERMS OF DIRECTING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES ONTO A NORMAL AND HEALTHY TRACK UNDOUBTEDLY MEETS THE FUNDAMENTAL LONG-TERM INTERESTS BOTH OF THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN PEOPLES AND OF UNIVERSAL PEACE. AND PERMIT ME, DEAR FRIENDS, TO SAY OUTRIGHT THAT WE IN THE SOVIET UNION ARE CONVINCED THAT NOBODY WILL SUCCEED IN OBLITERATING THIS PEACEFUL GAIN OF A CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY* THE SOVIET UNION IS FULLY DETERMINED TO GO FURTHER ALONG THE CHARTED PATH OF DETENTE AND PEACEFUL CO-OPERATION, OF COURSE, WE PROCEED FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE WILL ACT LIKEWISE".

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